

VINING THEATRE

1 Gala Night **Jan. 3rd**
THURSDAY

America's Fastest & Funniest Farce

AVERY HOPWOOD'S GALE OF LAUGHTER

FAIR AND WARMER

DIRECTION OF SELWYN & CO.

ONE
YEAR
NEW
YORKSIX
MONTHS
CHICAGO**A SURE-FIRE CURE FOR
THE BLUES****IT HITS THE HIGH SPOT OF HILARITY!**

NOTE:—This farce is under the direction of the same firm that sent "Twin Beds" here. It is positively the most expensive cast ever seen here in the greatest farce of a decade.

TIMELY PRICES:—Lower Floor \$1.50 and \$1.00. Balcony 50c, 75c and \$1.00. No Higher. Seats on Sale Jan. 1st. Don't Get Left!

**Following Trail
Of Painted Posts**

No matter how busy you are, please take time to read the following—a new note from the great field of war passed on by Bruce Barton:

"It is the day before the big push. For weeks the army has known the exact hour and moment when the barrage would lift and the men leap out 'over the top.'"

"The enemy has known it, too; his preparations are as great and as careful as ours."

"On the day before, the engineers plant a line of painted white posts a few yards apart, leading from the rear straight to the borders of No Man's Land."

"Simple painted posts. What are they for?"

"They are to guide the walking wounded. Eyes blurred with blood and suffering, that might lose the road, can follow the trail of those painted posts; bodies too weak from shell shock or gas to stand alone can find there a momentary support."

"The trail of the painted posts is the trail of the walking wounded; the trail of blood and misery and pain."

"Just before dawn the men file into the forward trenches. Singing? Not a bit. Talking? Hardly a word."

"And either he thrusts out his arm to receive the soothing potion, or he nods his head and passes on."

"On along the way of painted posts to the hospitals and to rest."

You will never forget this picture—the line of white posts that lead from hell back to life! If not to life, at least to a few hours of comfort before death!

**Lad Does His Bit
For Christmas**

That the spirit of giving is in the air and is likely to show itself in the most unexpected quarters was demonstrated last week, when among the donations for Christmas packets was found a sum of money brought in by a six-year-old youngster from Tuckwilla, Wash.

Last summer he employed his days picking berries, and at the end of the season found he had enough money to buy a rabbit. Not so very long ago he saw where Christmas presents were needed for the soldiers and sailors and he decided to give up his pet. So he disposed of his bunny and brought the money with three Christmas greetings, written by himself, to the headquarters.

OUR LADDIE'S CHRISTMAS BOX.

(By E. L. Sharpe.)

"Twas just a little Christmas box
We mailed the other day,
Mailed to our soldier laddie,
In France so far away.
The contents of this little box
Would not be valued high,
The love that went 'long with it
No gold on earth could buy.
A box of choicest chocolates
Wrapped up in colors gay,
Stamped with a merry Christmas
To bring him cheer that day.
A writing pad and tablet,
A mirror and a comb,
To let him know we're thinking
Of him away back home.
Small things like these the box con-
tained,
Yet well we knew that he
Will open this box on Christmas
morn
And think of Ma and me.
Though far he be from home that
day,
'Twill bring him joy to find
That he is not forgotten
By those he left behind.
That far away across the sea
They think of him each night,
The ones he left behind at home
To keep the fires bright."**Peace With Freedom
Russia's Only Hope**

In the president's war message, delivered before the two houses of congress April 2, 1917, President Wilson referred with great strength and feeling to "the wonderful and heartening things that have been happening within the last few weeks in Russia."

At the present moment the happenings of the last few weeks in Russia are disastrous and disheartening in the extreme. But none the less these recent happenings emphasize the truth of the principle the president laid down in the message in the sentences just preceding his reference to Russia.

It is not by the aid of Germany as

now ruled, or by a German peace that freedom, justice and peace are to come to Russia. Doubtless the sanity of the Russian people makes this plain to them, and out of the ruinous chaos of today their sober second thought will bring them once more to the side of free peoples fighting for the freedom of all peoples.

The president's words were as follows:

"A steadfast concert for peace can never be maintained except by a partnership of democratic nations. No autocratic government could be trusted to keep faith within it or observe its covenants. It must be a league of honor, a partnership of opinion. Intrigue would eat its vitals away; the plottings of inner circles who could plan what they would and render account to no one would be a corruption seated at its very heart. Only free peoples can hold their purpose and their honor steady to a common end and prefer the interests of mankind to any narrow interest of their own."

Talent Tidings

Arthur Hall was a business caller in Ashland Saturday.

J. Brant of Phoenix spent Saturday in Talent attending to business matters.

Miss Lucille Holdridge has been taken down with the measles.

A pretty home wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. French near Phoenix, when their daughter Linnie was married to Fred Rapp, who is a prominent rancher living in Talent. Only relatives of the family were present. The bride is a popular young girl and until recently was clerk at the Talent Mercantile Company store. The happy couple left on train No. 58 for an extended trip through southern California. The good wishes of their many friends go with them.

Mrs. F. B. Oatman spent Monday afternoon in Medford visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Stannard of Ashland were guests of friends in Talent on Tuesday.

James Lyons and son, who are here from Los Angeles, made a business trip to Medford Tuesday.

Ed Robinson transacted business in Medford one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Alford departed for their home this week after a brief visit with relatives here.

N. O. Powers was a business caller in Medford Tuesday.

Mrs. Wells spent Tuesday afternoon in Medford visiting friends.

Mrs. C. W. Wolters was a Medford caller Thursday afternoon.

O. Winter of Ashland made a business visit in Talent Tuesday.

Mrs. Ernie Purves of Wagner Creek spent Thursday afternoon in Medford visiting friends.

Mrs. John Robinson visited friends in Ashland one day this week.

Frank J. Silva died at his family residence last Saturday, from a lingering illness due to cancer of the stomach. The deceased was well known in Talent, having been a resident here for about eight years. His wife and two sons, Joe Silva of Talent and Frank Silva of Weed, and a daughter, Mrs. Sanderson of Edgewood, Cal., survive him.

A. Nelson of Medford was in Talent attending to business affairs, last week.

Word received from Miss Linnie Curran of Corvallis, who recently resigned her position as teacher in the local school, stating that she went to Great Falls, Mont., where she became the bride of Hubert Lindsay, who is a prominent rancher of that place.

Mrs. Chester Knighten spent Friday afternoon in Ashland visiting friends.

Mrs. Oliver Penlund was in Medford Friday afternoon visiting friends.

Mrs. William Childers spent Friday afternoon in Medford shopping. Miss Elsie Larson is working at the Talent drug store during the sale.

Mrs. Wilbur Beeson and daughter visited with friends in Ashland on Friday.

Mrs. Lawrence Crawford, nee Miss Belle French of Klamath Falls, came over this week to attend the wedding of her sister, Miss Linnie French.

The Red Cross Christmas membership drive started in Talent last week. Rev. Reed of Ashland assisted

in the campaign. Robert Spencer, aged three months, has the honor of being the youngest member in Talent.

The Talent high school will reopen Wednesday, January 2.

School opens January 2.

Mrs. George Briscoe left Saturday morning for Fruitvale, Cal., to spend the winter with her daughter.

Harry Lynch made a business trip to Ashland Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Centers visited friends in Phoenix one day last week.

Mrs. Harry Mason and little daughter spent Friday in Ashland as the guests of friends.

H. S. Wright of Medford was in Talent Saturday attending to business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Bateman and daughter Irwanda and Miss Elizabeth Wagner of Ashland were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Wolters Wednesday evening.

Now is the time for a family group. Studio Ashland the place. It

When cooking rice or macaroni save the water strained from it. When cold it will become thick and is excellent to thicken sauces. Also it is a healthful and economical basis for all soups, especially tomato, bean or celery soup, and its use means a saving of flour.

Phone news items to the Tidings.

**Classified Advertisements
TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.**

LOST—Thursday evening, on the Boulevard between the hospital and Union street, an auto crank. Finder please return to Dr. Swedenburg and receive reward. 62-2

FURNITURE SALE—Tables, chairs, rockers, stoves, settee, mattress, refrigerator, bedroom set, rugs and household fixtures. Call 244 Hargadine street. Phone 264-J. 62-2

Hooverized Kitchens

Uncle Sam says Hooverize your kitchen. It isn't at all bad when you know how. The principal item in Hooverizing is to be sure to get the right quality of

GROCERIES

Wheatless, meatless, sweetless, or any other "less" days lose their terrors when you see the splendid line of Fruits and Vegetables in our stock. Come in and let us furnish you anything you need in Economy Groceries.

PLAZA GROCERY**Phone 78****Christmas Greetings
to all. May this be
the Happiest Christmas
you have had.****McEe's**
BY GOODS